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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, thank You for the gift of imagination You have entrusted to us. With our imaginations You have enabled us to form, hold, and achieve images of what You can make possible. Coupled with the gifts of hope and expectation, You help us imagine Your best for us and our Nation.

Now at the beginning of this new week, we form and hold a positive picture of this Senate Chamber filled with Your presence. Knowing that we are accountable to You for every thought we think and word we speak, we contemplate how we should act and react under the guidance of Your Spirit. We hold the image of how You want us to relate to others as fellow Americans who also believe in You and want Your vision for our Nation. We sense the civility and greatness of character You want from us. Help us to express to others the same kindness, graciousness, and respect we have received from You.

So we renew our dedication to You. We are Your daughters and sons in Your eternal inclusive family. In loyalty to You, we commit ourselves to work together for Your glory and the good of our beloved Nation. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 10, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REID thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

In my capacity as Senator from Nevada, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. AKAKA assumed the chair.)

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MONITORING OF LOBBYISTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in this morning's paper I was stunned to read a headline but more stunned to read the story itself. It is in the Washington Post, titled "GOP Monitoring Lobbyists' Politics."

Among other things, the article says:

Republicans are researching the party affiliation and political contributions of hundreds of lobbyists in Washington, part of a campaign that could deny government access and prime lobbying jobs to Democrats. . . . Copies of the bulky dossier, being compiled . . . will be given to top White House officials. . . . Early drafts of the report are already in the hands of a few senior administration officials and lawmakers . . . The report, dubbed the K Street Project, has been evolving in fits and starts over the past few years, but has been expedited and expanded now that Republicans control the White House and Federal agencies. Several Republican lobbyists have complained that they aren't getting the access to Federal agencies they feel they deserve.

Republicans involved in the effort said they plan for it to be used by White House officials, lawmakers and staff to determine who can meet with party leaders in discussions of policy matters.

If there was ever anything that was immoral, wrong, and scandalous, this was it. To think that people who have jobs—you can pick any company you want—they hire somebody or they have worked for a number of years and they are going to check to see what party they belong to as to whether or not they can meet with a Federal agency, that is really bad. I do not think it is criminal, but I think it is on the verge of being criminal.

This sets a very dangerous precedent. This, in my opinion, is tantamount to McCarthyism. It involves the practice of compiling a new enemy's list to be circulated out of the administration and the Hill. Maybe we should include, rather than just McCarthy, Nixon. This appears to be something that would have happened during the Watergate years. Enemies are those who belong to or support the Democratic Party. They are targeted.

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